

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 28, 38, 39, and 41-84 are pending in the application, with claim 28 being the independent claim. Claim 28 is sought to be amended. The amendment to claim 28 replaces the word “preparations” with “salts.” Descriptive support for the amendments are found in the specification at page 29, lines 6-7, which read in part, “A ‘pharmaceutically acceptable derivative’ denotes any pharmaceutically acceptable salt...”. This change is believed to introduce no new matter, and its entry is respectfully requested. This amendment places the application in condition for allowance, or alternatively in better form for appeal, by removing the basis for the rejection of claim 28 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

Based on the above amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.

Interview

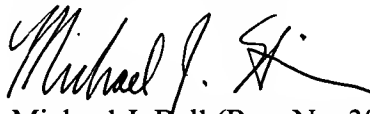
The Applicants thank Examiner Gerstl for providing a clarifying explanation of the Advisory Action mailed on October 10, 2003 in a telephone interview conducted today, October 30, 2003. Examiner Gerstl explained his position that the Amendment filed on September 25, 2003 failed to put claim 28 in condition for allowance because of lack of descriptive support for the term “pharmaceutically acceptable preparation”. The Applicants did not concede that this term lacked descriptive support, but offered to change the term to “pharmaceutically acceptable salt” based on the description on page 29 of the specification. The Examiner agreed that this term was supported by the specification, and agreed that this amendment would put the case in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "B".

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